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# News Release

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## **Betty T. Yee Announces Emergency Relief Available for Taxpayers in Mendocino and San Luis Obispo Counties**

Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that extensions for filing, audits, billing notices, assessments and relief from subsequent penalties are available for those individuals and/or businesses impacted by a water surge along the California coast in the counties of Mendocino and San Luis Obispo.

Governor Jerry Brown issued an emergency proclamation for Mendocino and San Luis Obispo counties March 16, following the 8.9 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Japan, which generated a water surge along the California coast causing damage to ports, harbors and infrastructure.

Relief was previously announced for Del Norte, Humboldt, San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties following Governor Brown's emergency proclamation March 11.

Emergency relief for taxpayers and fee payers may include extensions for filing returns or to make payments, relief of interest and penalties, and expediting copies of BOE tax records. Any taxpayer or fee payer who, as a result of the water surge, cannot meet tax filing and payment deadlines may apply. The BOE may also extend these relief provisions to include delays caused by disruption of the normal activities of the U.S. Postal Service or other private mail and freight companies.

Extensions for filing returns or payments: Special relief in the form of a one-month extension of time to file or pay taxes or fees and is available for the following tax and fee programs:

Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention Fee and Oil Spill Response Fee
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee (Covered Electronic Devices or CEDs)
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)
Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee (Tire recycling fee)
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel )	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

Relief from interest and penalties may be provided for those persons who are unable to file their returns or make their tax and fee payments in a timely manner. Relief from interest and penalties are available for the tax and fee programs listed above, including Insurance Taxes.

Taxpayers and fee payers requesting extensions for filing, audits, billing notices, assessments and relief from subsequent penalties must fill out forms: [BOE 468, Request for Extension](#) and/or [BOE 27, Penalty and Interest Relief for Disaster Victims](#) available on the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov). Taxpayers and fee payers must also include with their returns a signed statement stating the cause for the late filing, including specific information about how the water surge impacted the ability to report the taxes timely.

Please note that the relief program for Interstate User Tax under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) applies to California tax payments only. To waive interest and penalties for another jurisdiction, the BOE must receive written approval from the other jurisdiction. For information regarding IFTA, call the BOE Fuel Taxes Division at 916-322-9669.

Business owners and fee payers needing to obtain copies of BOE tax records will be able to receive replacements free of charge. To obtain copies of critically needed tax records on file with the BOE, including prior tax returns filed with the BOE, copies of audits, and permit applications, call the Taxpayer Information Call Center at 800-400-7115. Requests for copies of tax records from disaster victims will be handled on an expedited basis.

Individuals and/or businesses with taxable property damaged or destroyed by the emergency may be eligible for property tax relief. Any claim for property tax relief, including applications for reduced assessment, are available from, and must be filed with, the county assessor's office.

For more information on property tax relief, please contact the Mendocino County Assessor's Office at 707-463-4311 or the San Luis Obispo County Assessor's Office at 805-781-5643.

For more information, visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov), or call the BOE Taxpayer Information Call Center at 800-400-7115. TDD/TTY service is available at 800-735-2929. BOE representatives are available to assist tax and fee payers Monday through Friday (except state holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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